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SUBJ: PROGRAM MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE FOR DEFENSE METEOROLOGICAL  
SATELLITE PROGRAM

1. THE REVISED PROGRAM MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE (PKD) FOR THE DEFENSE  
METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE PROGRAM (DMSP) R-S 3-015-113/PE 3516OF AND  
PE 35162F DATED 12 MARCH 1979 HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND THE CHANGES  
LISTED BELOW ARE CONSIDERED DETRIMENTAL TO THE AIR FORCE SPACE  
LAUNCH MISSION.

2. SPECIFIC COMMENTS:

A. PAGE 6, PARAGRAPH 3. THE SUBJECT PKD DELETED THE STATEMENT THAT  
DMSP CONDUCT LAUNCH AND ORBITAL OPERATIONS WITH MILITARY PERSONNEL.  
DELETION OF THIS STATEMENT CHANGES PAST AIR FORCE POLICY.

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8. PAGE 10, PARAGRAPH 3C(3). AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND WAS GIVEN JOINT RESPONSIBILITY WITH ADCOM FOR FIELD CHECKOUT AND LAUNCH OF DMSP LAUNCH VEHICLES AND FOR PROVIDING EPHEMERIS SUPPORT OF DMSP SATELLITES TO SAC AND AFSC. IN PREVIOUS DMSP PMD'S ADCOM WAS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THOR BOOSTER FIELD CHECKOUT AND LAUNCH. AFSC DOES NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE EPHEMERIS SUPPORT OF DMSP SATELLITES.

3. CHANGES MADE IN THE CURRENT DMSP PMD COULD IMPACT THE EXISTENCE AND DAY-TO-DAY MANAGEMENT OF THE 18TH AEROSPACE DEFENSE SQUADRON. REQUEST USAF/RDSL PROVIDE RATIONALE FOR THESE CHANGES IN PROGRAM DIRECTION.

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